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On the murder of Allard Lowenstein:

"[S.F. Mayor Dianne] Feinstein made her request for a strong party plank in support of the control of pistols after referring to the death of ... Allard Lowenstein.... 'I ask for this in view of yet another funeral,' said Feinstein. 'Look at the loss suffered by this party from guns. If ever a party should support gun control, it is the Democratic Party in 1980'." [SFC, 20 Mar 80]

65. 15 Mar Gunman kills Kennedy aide Lowenstein [2 pp.] (NYT in SFC)
66. 15 Mar Alleged gunman knew Lowenstein in '60's [2 pp.] (Jerry Carroll, SFC)
67. 15 Mar Lowenstein aided Brown (SFC)
68. 16 Mar Carter's eulogy to Lowenstein (SFX)
" Eerie [Lowenstein oral history] tape about suspected slayer (SFX)
69. 17 Mar Lowenstein suspect's 'hate list' (UP in SFC)
70. 17 Mar Lowenstein death had roots in bitter '60's (Montgomery, in NYT)
71. 18 Mar Thoughts on the night Allard Lowenstein died (Jimmy Breslin in SFC)[2 p.]
72. 19 Mar N.Y. memorial for Allard Lowenstein (UP in SFC)
73. 19 Mar Remembering Lowenstein (David Broder in SFC)

74. May 1976 [Oui] Who killed Bobby? By A.L. [8 pp.]

Change in office of origin (temporary): For about 2½ weeks starting on May 5, I will be visiting my parents in Shepherdstown, WV, which is less than two hours drive west of Washington, on the Potomac. Please do not hesitate to write (c/o Hoch, 128 W. German St., Shepherdstown WV 25443), call (304-876-6720), or visit. I expect to spend a few days in Washington on business and would like to meet with anyone who is in the area.

Clippings: [see also below, for clippings from Ted R.]

75. June 1977 (D magazine) "How Henry Wade selects a jury" [I wouldn't make it!]
* 76. 22 Feb 80 (TCI) [2 pp.] Jack White on 2 versions of CD 5, p. 129, re lab comparisons of the gun paper bag with TSBD paper. There certainly were two versions, quite different (and, purely by chance, I saw the memo forwarding the revision on the FBI microfilm [but couldn't copy it]); this writeup doesn't explain anything, however. [Ref.: 105-18555-772 ff.]
** 77. 22 Feb 80 (TCI) [5 pp.] Gary Mack on the Bronson & Daniel films; history, etc.
78. 5 Feb 80 (Weekly World News, in TCI 2/22) David Truby: "JFK death curse claims six more lives" (FBI agents - Sullivan, Nichols, Belmont, Cadigan, &c)
* 79. 22 Feb 80 (Golz, in TCI 2/22) "Official refuses exhumation" (Dr. Petty has read the HSC material and has reversed himself.)
*** 80. 29 Feb 80 (Lardner, WP) [2 pp.] "CIA asking Hill to cut back public access to Agency's files" Describes CIA files on MLK, obtained by Harold Weisberg.
* 81. 1 Mar 80 (Peterson, WP) [2 pp.] "Coming in from the cold, going out to the Bush campaign" Ex-CIA people helping Bush. (Replacing SS for protection, even.)
* 82. 3 Mar 80 (Lardner, WP) "CIA debate: a question of prerogatives"
83. 3 Mar 80 (UP in SF Chronicle) "CIA subsidized Iran's ayatollahs, story says"
* 84. 4 Mar 80 (NYT in SFC) "Kissinger's calls to remain secret" (Supreme Court establishes the theft exemption to the FOIA.)
85. 4 Mar 80 (UP/AP in SFC) "FBI shows off spy it stole from the KGB" (Herrmann)
* 86. 9 Mar 80 (AP in SFX) "FBI bug reveals secret world of mob leaders" [2 pp.] (Kansas City meeting - Civella brothers et al.)
*** 87. 9 Mar 80 (Bruce Selcraig, DMN) [4 pp.] "Marcello spins web in Dallas"
88. 10 Mar 80 (Hentoff, V. Voice) [2 pp.] "Ominous CIA/FBI charters on the way"
89. 10 Mar 80 (J. Stein, Voice) [4 pp.] "Inside Omega 7" (Nasty people.)
90. 11 Mar 80 (LAT in SFC) "An 'opinion' that kept CIA secrets from Congress"
91. 12 Mar 80 (SFC) "Teamster leader's S.F. embezzlement trial under way" (Rudy Tham)
92. 14 Mar 80 (SFC) "Weasel says Tham paid for rooms"
* 93. 15 Mar 80 (NYT in San Juan Star) "Authors express alarm over publisher's lawsuit" (Doubleday suing Davis over Bindrim case. Watch out, everybody!)
94. 16 Mar 80 (Epstein, Knight News Service in SFX) [2 pp.] "Government secrecy that's sanctioned by Supreme Court" (Wrapup of FOIA cases.)
*** 95. 17 Mar 80 (WP) Jack Anderson: short item on what FBI is doing on the JFK case-talking with HSC staff re finding documents, with CIA re acoustics.

96. 17 Mar 80 (Hentoff, Voice) (On CIA's anti-FOIA efforts) [2 pp.]
* 97. 18 Mar 80 (LAT in SFC) "CIA wins again in high court" (FOIA doesn't apply to Congressional transcript in CIA files. So much for getting HSC documents from the agencies, it seems!)
98. 19 Mar 80 (Lardner) "Charter would let FBI disrupt some domestic groups"
99. 23 Mar 80 (Cox News in SJStar) "400 leaders of Cuban exile groups to plan anti-Castro strategy in Miami" (A. Nasario Sargen, Alpha-66, et al.)
100. 24 Mar 80 (MacLeish in WStar) "The battered child of American politics" (Critical of those who pushed EMK to run and now don't support him.)
101. 25 Mar 80 (AP in SFC) "Shah allegedly feared CIA death plot"
* 102. 25 Mar 80 (LA Herald-Examiner) "LAPD accused of spying on anti-spying citizens' group" (CCPR) (With photo of Jeff Cohen & Linda Valentino)
103. 26 Mar 80 (LAH-E, LAT) [2 pp.] (Related stories)
104. 28 Mar 80 (SFC) "Federal grand jury to probe killing of Mafia figure (Joseph Barboza) in S.F."
* 105. 29 Mar 80 (Lardner) "Justice Dept. opposes CIA on FOIA relief"

Books (JFK case): As far as we know, our publisher has not yet reached a decision on whether to go ahead with our book - the quickie book in response to the HSC report, remember? The fact that we are listed in the Pocket Books College & High School List for 1980 doesn't mean anything (except that there is a lot of confusion in New York).

Gary Owens has sent me the announcement for "The Ass'n of JFK: A Comprehensive Historical and Legal Bibliography, 1963-1979," compiled by DeLloyd J. Guth and David Wrone. (August 1980, about 500 pp., $35 [!]. Ask for #109 (the blurb) or #110 (the order form).)

Other books: noted but not read:

"A Case of Conspiracy," by Michael Newton, on the MLK case. ($2.25 + 50¢ handling from Holloway House, 8060 Melrose Ave., LA 90046) Cover and table of contents available. (Ask for #111.)

"The FBI Pyramid - From the Inside," by Mark Felt. (Putnam, $12.95)

"Cartel," by leading investigative journalist Edward J. Epstein. This one he's calling fiction. Allegedly about Iran in 1953 - the reinstallation of the Shah.

The Continuing Inquiry: Is anyone interested in putting together a cumulative index or table of contents? I did a table of contents for Feb.-May 1979, but haven't had time to do any more. I now have all the issues and can make copies available.

Garage sale: I have some extra copies of the Meagher-Owens indexes, especially HSC volumes 2, 9, and 10. Pay the postage and they are yours.

Also, I have most of an extra set of the HSC press handouts from the Sept. 1978 public hearings. Basically, they are Blakey's narrations (as prepared, not as actually delivered) and some exhibits. Nice souvenirs.

Clippings from Ted Rubinstein:

(A) On the JFK case, or involving related individuals:

**? 112. 11-14 Feb 77 (St. Louis P-D) [7 pp.] Re the attempted murder, allegedly by N.O. gambler Santo DiFatta, of two men who had swindled him. (The wrong man was killed, by mistake.) Cast of characters includes G. Wray Gill (Sr. and Jr.), Marcello, Pershing Gervais, and Henry Gonzales (the lawyer). Allegations that the FBI mishandled the case.

* 113. March 1979 (Boston magazine) "The Grassy Knoll Papers" [5 pp.] By AIBer's Dave Williams & Harvey Yazijian. Cover blurb: "Local boys change history." A puff piece, but what the heck, the AIB deserves it.

114. 16 Jul 79 (Panorama) "L'ordine fu dato in siciliano" [4 pp.] Even in Italian, makes more sense than much of what I read. Lots of photos too. Presumably mostly about the HSC report. "Forse non sapremo mai la verita" - Earl Warren.

* 115. 8 Nov 79 (NOTP) "[Orest] Pena, Rodriguez get minimal sentences" in vice case. Mark Lane was one of the lawyers. Judge had reservations about the RICO act.

* 116. 16 Nov 79 (NOTP) "[Another] Racketeering defendant requests aid" (from Lane) & 28 Nov 79 (NOTP) "Three found guilty in Quarter gambling"

* 117. 27 Nov 79 (NOTP) "Jury gets Quarter rackets case" (Lane's arguments quoted)

118. 11 Nov 79 (DMN) [2 pp.] Profile of Breck Wall and his show, "Bottoms Up." (He knew Ruby, testified to the WC.)

119. 13 Nov 79 (Midnight Globe) "Why I believe they must open Oswald's grave," by Sybil Leek, the Globe's psychic editor. [3 pp.]

* 120. 13 Nov 79 (Weekly World News) "Shock presidential candidate [hijacker Garrett Trapnell] was probed in JFK death plot" (More interesting than the usual nut. I have the CD's on him; he claimed Cuban links.)

121. 22 Nov 79 (Golz) "DA rejects bond bid to exhume Oswald"

(***) 122. 22 Nov 79 (Golz) [2 pp.] (Same as item #5, which was a TCI reprint with some sections out of order, but nothing missing.)

*** 123. 23 Nov 79 (UPI in DMN) "Inaction on JFK report draws ire" (of Blakey) (Longer version of item #6.)

124. 27 Nov 79 (DMN) "Dallas county weighs plans for JFK assassination exhibit"

* 125. Dec. 1979 (Grassy Knoll Gazette) Special on the Umbrella Man, who is said to be Gordon Novel. Pioneering research by Cutler, Sprague, Truby, and Evica. Not that Novel isn't intriguing, but as far as I can tell the main evidence that he is TUM is that he hasn't denied it convincingly.

** 126. 4 Dec 79 (Midnight Globe) "The Oswald Look-alikes" [2 pp.] Fairly silly stuff, but includes photos of House, and of Lovelady in the DPD as Oswald passes by. Groden quoted at some length.

* 127. 6 Jan 80 (Golz) "U.S. orders further JFK tests" (Includes Sigalis and JD comments on status of Bronson film review.)

128. 17 Feb 80 (Boston Globe) Sympathetic review of Lane's Jonestown book.

129. (??) (Star [tabloid]) "Nixon, not JFK, was original target of Kremlin assassin, claims noted investigator" (Eddowes, of course. Also, a summary piece by Eddowes on his hypothesis.) [2 pp.]

130. 22 Feb 80 (UPI) "Exhumation request for Oswald denied" (See also #79)

*** 131. 24 Feb 80 (Jack Taylor, Sunday Oklahoman) "FBI [Brilab] quiz thwarts multi-million dollar Mafia plot" [3 pp.] Marcello wouldn't talk to the undercover agents about the JFK assassination (but talked freely about much else).

* 106. 30 Mar 80 (Eder, NYT 3/11 [see 3/11 newsletter], in SFC) "The Snepp Case: 'A loaded gun'." (As mentioned earlier, he's done a novel on the JFK case.)
107. 31 Mar 80 (UP in SFC) "Ex-spy [Donald Deneselya] threatens to tell CIA names"

[Credits: Larry Harris (75,87), CPR [see below] (80-2,98), Russ Stetler (93,99), Mike Ewing (100,105), Jeff Cohen (102-3). Thanks.]
[Note re SFC clips: I've listed only a fraction of what I clipped (but more than in the past, and maybe more than I'll be able to keep up with in the future). I've tried to select local stories (such as the Tham trial) which might interest outsiders.]

Presidential libraries: The JFK library (Columbia Pt., Boston MA 02125) sent me a free 75-page guide. Quite a few of their files are open and there must be some assassination material, although it may be hard to find.

The LBJ library (Austin TX 78705) sent me 4 pages about their assassination-related material (including oral histories). Again, some is withheld.

Gerald Ford's papers include Rockefeller Commission material (and some WC stuff); nothing is available now and the RC files won't be in the near future.

For anyone who's in Boston or Austin, an exploratory visit might be worthwhile. Let me know if you find anything. I get the impression that these libraries might be relatively responsive to mail inquiries. Perhaps they are not exactly overrun with scholars and would settle for being helpful to assassination buffs.

Secret Service files: The Archives advises that "we now have the Secret Service files concerning the assassination." I'll pursue this in due course.

Justice Department (Criminal Division) files: We got a 124-page listing of these files some time ago. Jeff Goldberg reports that the material is being processed, albeit quite slowly. Piecemeal release is expected, but not definite; no estimate on the date.

AIB-linked groups: Jeff Goldberg has gotten me on the mailing list of the Campaign for Political Rights (201 Mass Ave NE, DC 20002); the AIB was a member. The CPR puts out a newsletter, "Organizing Notes," eight times a year. (Eight pages for 2/80; no price given.) It should be helpful on intelligence and FOIA matters, etc.; it includes a listing of current magazine and newspaper articles.

Linda Valentino and the AIB's own Jeff Cohen are on the staff of the Citizens' Commission on Police Repression (633 S. Shatto Pl., Suite 200, LA 90005). Their newsletter is called "The Rap Sheet;" free but donations welcome. It includes material of national as well as local significance.

As noted in the credits above, I've gotten clippings from both these groups. I'm sure they both would like new contributors.

Newly released FBI documents: (In response to my FOIA requests.)

As you may recall, the copy of the Corliss Lamont pamphlet which Jesse Core mailed to the FBI before the assassination contains not only the 544 Camp St. address, but the notations "ck out" and "FPC 105-1095-129." The FBI has confirmed that the title of the NO 105-1095 file is "Anti-Castro activities." (Material on pro-Castro activities may have routinely gotten into this file, even though the FPCC had its own file.) All I know about serial 129 is (a) that it is presumably dated after 20 Nov 62 (which is the date of serial 127), and [here comes the good part] (b) that it is a 17-page document, entirely withheld, originating with the CIA.

The FBI also sent me 2 pages from 65-28939-2546, a 23-page memo from NY, dated 28 June 1960, about funds transmitted to residents of Russia. [Ask for item 108.] The actual file caption is withheld, as is the Oswald material. This document showed up in an index check on Oswald on 19 October 1963. This presumably relates to Marguerite Oswald's $25 money order, sent before March 7, 1960 [WR 697, CE 206]. (Unless there was some other transaction!) No response to this information is visible in the HQ or Dallas files. (This report was not sent to Dallas.) The earlier discovery of money sent to Oswald did result in orders to Dallas to interview Mrs. Oswald and ask about Lee's personal identification. [See FBI-PLH items #991-2.] Incidentally, this information clearly came from an ongoing FBI program to get information from bank accounts.

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132. 24 Feb 80 (Miami Herald) "Visiting the assassination site" [3 pp.]
** 133. March 1980 (Atlantic) Letter from Lawrence Houston (CIA), rebutting 12/79 letters from RFK aides; claims RFK "did not criticize" the plots against Castro, but was "furious" that his anti-Mafia efforts had been impeded by "our concern for security."
134. 4 Mar 80 (National Enquirer) "Govt. Investigators' Chief Counsel Says: JFK's Assassination Was a Mob Plot." They spelled Blakey's name right, so it can't be called bad publicity for the cause, right? (Information is from the DIR radio interview; nothing new.)
** 135. 20 Mar 80 (WP) Jack Anderson - 8-line item reporting Marcello as telling Hauser that the JFK-link stories were "bull."

(B) Relating to the MLK case:
136. 27-28 Feb 79 (St. Louis PD) Last 2 of 4 articles on FBI informers, especially Oliver B. Patterson. [3 pp.]
* 137. 9 Nov - 23 Dec 79 (St. Louis papers) [14 pp.] On the bombing death and background of John Paul Spica.
*** 138. 30 Dec 79 (Goodrich & Dudman, SLPD) "John Ray, in prison again, says brother is target" (Blakey-JD meetings on perjury charges, etc.)
*** 139. 20 Feb 80 (Prugh, LA Times) Re CIA spying on King. (In May 1965, a CIA source referred to the possibility that MLK would be killed!)
* 140. April 1980 (Wm. Terry, in Chic) Pretty good profile of J. B. Stoner [5 pp.]

More from the Ted Rubinstein Clipping Collection: Ted dropped in on me a couple of weeks ago with a grocery bag full of newspapers, magazines, and clippings. I copied maybe half of it, and have listed (above) only the two sections of greatest interest to me. I also have:

(a) About 86 pages on the intelligence agencies, the FOIA, Jonestown, the U.S. Labor Party, and various miscellaneous matters.
(b) About 18 pp. on Tom Powers' book on Helms (and the resulting debate).
(c) About 29 pp. on Chappaquiddick (including the major LAT & NYT stories).
(d) About 60 pp. of organized crime stories.

I would be glad to send these collections out, especially to anyone who would volunteer to list them. I'll probably get around to listing (a) and (b) myself, but it will take a while.

Ted goes through a lot of papers and magazines, including some exotic ones. As you can see, he picks up some good stuff from regional papers, tabloids, etc. His interests are broader than mine, so some of you might want to get in touch with him directly. (3625 Ramona Circle, Palo Alto CA 94306; 415-494-3480) He's very busy, but within the constraints of time and money is quite willing to share his material.

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A few days ago, a uniformed agent of the U.S. government provided me with a copy of what purports to be the HSCA testimony of Warren C. DeBrueys, former FBI agent in New Orleans. On first reading, I am more impressed by DeBrueys than by the HSC's investigation. If DeBrueys knows anything important, he's still not telling. He was a cautious witness, unwilling to rely on his memory of 15-year-old events, especially whenever the best information would be in documents which were presumably available to the HSC.

If the HSC got anything from DeBrueys, I missed it, or it is in a different document. (Not having a witness list, I can't say whether he was reinterviewed.) The only citations in the Meagher-Owens index are to pp. 192-3 of the report, an unremarkable discussion focussing on the Pena allegations of harassment.

My impression is that the only way to find out if DeBrueys has anything to tell is to go over the details of relevant documents with him, carefully. This is not done in his HSC testimony. Even 544 Camp St., a matter close to the HSC's heart, seems to be dealt with superficially.

Rather than get into matters of substance here, I would like to get a second opinion from someone who can take the time to compare this testimony with the material on him I prepared some time ago. I admit to a possible bias here; the following background information may clarify my position.

At the request of Sen. Schweiker's office, I prepared 15 pages of suggested questions for DeBrueys, with comments and documents, in December 1975. DeBrueys did testify, but I haven't seen anything about his testimony. At the HSC critics conference, I mentioned this work and offered it to the staff. [9/18/77, p. 25] I don't recall any subsequent discussion of DeBrueys, until I was awakened on May 1, 1978, at 6:34 a.m., by a phone call from Bob Genzman, a $25,000-per-year researcher for the Committee. At his request, I sent the questions and documents I had compiled, by express mail. It turns out that he talked with DeBrueys the next day, and questioned him before some of the Committee the following day, May 3. The questioning lasted less than 3 hours. My impression is that the easier of my questions were asked, but not some of the best ones, which required detailed knowledge of the factual situation. As I say, that's a biased opinion.

I can send people my questions and related correspondence (18 pp.), the backup documents (about 88 pp.), and DeBrueys' testimony (94 pages).